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Dear Sir,

We hereby submit our resignation as auditors of the following companies with effect from 31 July 2002.

Silliker Limited ✓

British Analytical Control Limited

Silverdell Microbiology Limited — 2605549

In accordance with section 394 of the Companies Act 1985, we confirm that there are no circumstances connected with our ceasing to hold office that we consider should be brought to the attention of the companies' members or creditors.

Yours faithfully,

Arthur Andersen

